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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: U.S. CITIZENS' RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE WITH EMBASSY

REF: TAIPEI 1127

1. NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR WANG CALLED IN POLCOUNS MARCH 16 TO PROVIDE RESPONSE OF NATIONAL SECURITY BUREAU (NSB) TO HIS INQUIRY INTO MRS. WANG YU-AN'S ALLEGATIONS ABOUT BEING DENIED HER REQUEST TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY UPON HER ARRIVAL IN TAIPEI LAST DECEMBER 7. WANG MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS BASED ON THE NSB REPORT HE HAD RECEIVED:

A. THROUGH INTERCESSION OF MRS. WANG'S YOUNGER BROTHER (WANG CHIA-NAN) WHO WAS AT AIRPORT AWAITING HER, NSB AGENTS SOUGHT AND OBTAINED MRS. WANG'S AGREEMENT TO BE INTERVIEWED (T'AN HUA) IN THE VIP LOUNGE. THE YOUNGER BROTHER WAS PRESENT WHILE AGENTS QUESTIONED MRS. WANG ABOUT WANG HSING-NAN'S RESIDENCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND ASSOCIATES IN THE UNITED STATES.

B. MRS. WANG WAS NOT DETAINED AT ANY TIME NOR DID SHE MAKE A REQUEST TO SPEAK TO ANYONE AT THE U.S. EMBASSY.

C. THERE WAS NO RECORD MADE OF THIS INTERVIEW. NSB AGENTS DID, HOWEVER, ASK MRS. WANG TO KEEP THEIR CONVERSATION CONFIDENTIAL BECAUSE, THEY TOLD HER, A LEAK OF SUCH INFORMATION MIGHT QUOTE AFFECT THE INVESTIGATION OF THE WANG HSING-NAN
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CASE UNQUOTE.

D. IT WAS QUOTE ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE UNQUOTE THAT MRS. WANG WAS FORCED OR EVEN ASKED TO SIGN ANY STATEMENT IN THE COURSE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. IN RESPONSE TO POLCOUNS' QUESTION, NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR SAID THAT, IN HIS OPINION, MRS. WANG COULD HAVE DECLINED THE INVITATION TO BE INTERVIEWED. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE NSB LETTER ON THAT POINT, AND POLCOUNS OBSERVED THAT THAT QUESTION NOW SEEMED TO BE MOOT.

3. POLCOUNS POINTED OUT THAT IT SEEMED VERY LIKELY THAT NSB AGENTS WOULD HAVE KEPT A RECORD OF THE MEETING WITH MRS. WANG IF THEY HAD INDEED ASKED DETAILED QUESTIONS ABOUT HER BROTHERS' PLACES OF RESIDENCE AND NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF HIS ASSOCIATES IN THE UNITED STATES, DIRECTOR WANG SAID THAT HE INTERPRETED THAT PART OF THE LETTER TO MEAN THAT NO FORMAL RECORD OF THE CONVERSATION WAS KEPT SUCH AS IS NORMALLY DONE IN A ROUTINE INVESTIGATION.

4. DIRECTOR WANG SAID THAT A REPORT OF ALL OF THE FOREGOING WAS BEING SENT TO THE ROC EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
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